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For: **METHOD, EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEM FOR SIGNALING IN A NETWORK INCLUDING ETHERNET**

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

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Sir:

This is a full and complete response to the final Office Action having a mailing date of October 20, 2006. The three month period to respond to the Office Action was set to expire January 20, 2007; accordingly, a petition for a one-month Extension of Time and a Request for Continued Examination accompany this response.

Initially, Applicant thanks the Examiner for the interview of January 31, 2007, at which the Examiner indicated that all claims other than 13, 16, and 17 appear allowable after entry of the proposed amendments, which follow in this response. In view thereof, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the outstanding rejections and allow all Claims pending in this application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in a listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.